The recommendations of the Conference have been given wide publicity and are being followed up within the Central Government and with the State Governments for urgent processing. It is proposed to convene a Conference of Chief Ministers, after consolidating the views of different citizen groups as well as state governments.

Supply of Gas

3964. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA
SHRI TARA CHAND BHAGORA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the price at which gas is supplied for Ramgarh Gas Power Plant in Jaisalmer District of Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Rajasthan Government have requested the Union-Government to review the price of the gas;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose a lower gas price to boost gas utilisation from small gas fields in Rajasthan and thereby the infrastructural development in barren desert;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the gas being supplied to Ramgarh Gas Based Thermal Power Plant contains high concentration of Nitrogen, which does not contribute to heat energy for power generation;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether the Government has any plan to notify the concessional rate for the gas price in consideration to the desert terrain and small finds of gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) and (g). The price of gas exclusing transportation charges, royalty and taxes is Rs. 1850 per thousand cubic meters all over India except the North-East. Having considered the request of the Government of Rajasthan in this behalf, the Government have allowed a discount of 15% in the price of gas supplied to RSEB, Ramgarh. The power plant is also entitled to a reduction in the price on account of the low calorific value of the gas.

(e) and (f). Yes, Sir. The nitrogen content in the gas is around 40%.

National Scheme for Fishermen

3965. SHRI GOPAL TANDEL : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) when was the National Scheme for Fishermen was introduced;

(b) whether the aforesaid scheme has been implemented in the Union Territories of Daman and Diu;

(c) if so, the scheme-wise break-up for the last three years alongwith number of beneficiaries and amount spent thereon;

(d) whether any steps have been contemplated to provide wireless set to each of the registered craft for instant communication during cyclones etc.; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) Centrally Sponsored National Welfare of Fishermen Scheme was launched in 1991-92 by amalgamating the two earlier schemes - Janta Personal Accident Policy (started in 1982-83) and National Welfare Fund for Fishermen (started in 1986-87) and simultaneously adding a new component called Saving-cum-Relief

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

Select List of Grade I

3966. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 5297 on August 11, 1996 regarding Stagnation of Section Officers and state :

(a) whether the litigation precluding the Government from bringing out Select List for Grade I and Selection Grade Select List of Central Secretariat Service has come to an end;

(b) if so, whether the Government have drawn up any action plan to issue Grade I and Selection Grade Select List so as to effect promotion;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c). Consequent upon finalisation of the Common Seniority List of Section Officers on 15-5-1996 in compliance with the order dated 22-3-1995 of the Central Administrative Tribunal, the exercise for review of the panels of Grade I of the Central Secretariat Service for the years 1984 to 1986 and preparation of panel for 1987, in the first instance, has been undertaken. A reference in that regard has been made to the UPSC. The Selection Grade Select Lists can be prepared after the completion of the said exercise.

(d) Does not arise.